

Nature Park Project at Vishakhapatnam

3851. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have accorded clearance and funding of Nature Park Project at Vishakhapatnam city in Kambalakoda Forest area blocks in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of funds released, so far, for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the funds are expected to be released?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Since Nature Park is not a legally recognised entity, which can be funded by the Central Government, the State Government has been requested to notify the area as a Wildlife Sanctuary. The Central Government would be in a position to provide assistance for development of the Sanctuary in a phased manner, once it has been notified as a sanctuary.

Warming of the Globe

3852. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the earth is getting warmer at a regular pace, causing serious environmental and climatic changes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the main reasons for such warming up of the global surface; and

(d) what steps are likely to be taken, on a war-footing, to control this heating up?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) According to Third Assessment Report of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)— a body